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In Reply Refer To: GE 973E

May 18, 2021

Mr. Rian S. Riche
Shell Offshore Inc.
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Dear Mr. Riche:

By letter dated February 23, 2021, Shell Offshore Inc. (Shell) requests approval of a Suspension of Production (SOP) and revised activity schedule for the Mississippi Canyon (MC) Block 940 Unit, Agreement No. 754312007. The unit consists of Leases OCS-G 16661, 22919, 22920, and 31534, from depths below 18,000 feet SS TVD down to 50,000 feet SS TVD, and was held by operations through March 13, 2021.

Extensive drilling, completion, and subsea infrastructure work has been completed. Significant fabrication of the hull and topsides has also been accomplished, and construction has resumed following delays related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In accordance with Articles IX, XVI, and XVII of the Unit Agreement and 30 CFR 250.174(a), an SOP and revised activity schedule are hereby approved for the Mississippi Canyon Block 940 Unit, from March 14, 2021, through February 28, 2023. Shell is expected to follow the enclosed SOP activity schedule and must notify this office in writing (progress report) by the end of each month in which a deadline is scheduled. If you have any questions, contact Kimberly Ward at (504) 736-2677 or Kimberly.Ward@bsee.gov.

Sincerely,

**RICHIE
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Enclosure